PRESENT—*cont.*

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Sreshta, Mr. M. S.
Srinivasan, Rao Bahadur R.
Sriramulu, Mr. G.
Subbarayan, Dr. P.
Subrahmanya Chetti, Rao Sahib P.
Subrahmanya Bhatt, Mr. U. C.
Sundara Rao Nayudu, Mr. T.
Syed Tajuddin Sahib Bahadur, Khan Sahib.
Thangal, Mr. P. M.
Thorne, C.I.E., I.C.S., Mr. J. A.
Vasudeva Pillai, Mr. V. G.
Venkatachala Reddiyar, Mr. K. C. M.
Venkatarama Ayyar, Mr. K. R.
Venugopal Nayudu, Rao Bahadur R. K.
Viswanatha Rao, Diwan Bahadur V. N.
Yahya Ali Sahib Bahadur, Khan Bahadur.
Yakub Hasan Sahib Bahadur.

I.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS

Administration of Justice

Proposal to increase the pecuniary jurisdiction of the City Civil Court, Madras.

* 643 *Q.*—Mr. Basheer Ahmed Sayeed: Will the Hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the High Court of Madras has urged upon the Government to increase the pecuniary jurisdiction of the City Civil Court, Madras;

(*b*) if so, what the specific reasons are on which the High Court has based its proposal; and

(*c*) whether a copy of those reasons and suggestions will be placed on the table?

A.—(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) & (*c*) The High Court has stated that a large portion of the suits now tried by Judges on the Original Side can very well be heard by the Judge, City Civil Court; and that the proposal to increase the jurisdiction of that Court will enable it to reduce the arrears on the Original Side and to devote greater time to the clearing of the heavy arrears on the Appellate Side. It is not considered necessary to place the communications from the High Court on the subject on the table of the House.

Expenditure consequent on the proposal to raise the pecuniary jurisdiction of the Madras City Civil Court.

* 644 *Q.*—Mr. Basheer Ahmed Sayeed: Will the Hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have examined whether the increase in the pecuniary jurisdiction of the Madras City Civil Court will cost any additional expenditure to the Government;

(*b*) if so, what the extra cost is expected to be and how it is expected to arise; and

(*c*) whether there will be any corresponding reduction in the establishment and officers of the High Court on its original side?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) An Additional Judge and an establishment for him may be necessary if the pecuniary jurisdiction of the City Civil Court, Madras, is enhanced to Rs. 10,000. The extra cost to Government consequent on the proposal cannot now be definitely stated.

(*c*) The question will be considered when the proposal is actually given effect to.

Filling of leave vacancies in the Law Department of the Secretariat.

* 645 *Q.*—A. M. Ahmed Meeran Sahib Bahadur: Will the Hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many leave vacancies arose in the Law Department of the Secretariat in the cadres of Superintendents, Upper division clerks and Lower division clerks during the calendar year 1933;

(*b*) what the duration was of each of such vacancies;

(*c*) in how many of such vacancies, (i) Upper division clerks were appointed to act as Superintendents, (ii) Lower division clerks were appointed to act as Upper division clerks and (iii) outsiders from the list published by the Madras Services Commission were appointed as direct recruits to act as Upper division clerks or Lower division clerks; and

(*d*) whether the principle of communal representation was taken into consideration in filling up these vacancies in these three cadres?

A.—(*a*), (*b*) & (*c*) A statement [a] furnishing the information is laid on the table.

(*d*) The principle of communal rotation applies only to admission to the service and not to promotions within the service. The principle of communal rotation was observed in filling up the vacancies in the lower division.

Prisons and Prisoners

Supply of oil and toilet requisites to the political prisoners in the Vellore Central Jail.

* 646 *Q.*—Mr. M. A. Manikkavelu Nayakar: Will the Hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the political prisoners in Vellore Central Jail are not supplied with oil for bath or toilet;

(*b*) whether they are not allowed even to purchase the oil for bath and toilet purposes;

(*c*) whether they are not allowed even to purchase soaps; and

(*d*) if the answer is in the negative, when were these restrictions imposed and why?

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[a] Printed as Appendix I on page 103 infra.